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FOR 1917-18,

AND

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THE
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF THE
COUNTY AND CITY OF WORCESTER LUNATIC
ASYLUM,

*Presented to the County Council of the County of Worcester and
to the Town Council of the City of Worcester, pursuant to
the 190th Section of the Lunacy Act 1890.*

1.—The following is our Report on the management of the Asylum for the year ended 31st March, 1918.

2.—In the month of September last Mr. Coventry resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee, a step which he felt necessary owing to advancing years. Mr. C. Pelham Lane was elected Chairman in his place, and Mr. G. E. Wilson Vice-Chairman. At the beginning of March, 1918, Mr. G. W. Grosvenor and Mr. G. Hadley resigned from the Committee, and the County Council thereupon appointed Viscount Deerhurst and Mr. J. D. Harward in their places.

3.—Dr. Fenton, our 1st Assistant Medical Officer, left in June last to join the R.A.M.C. His place at the Asylum will be open to him on his return. Dr. Braine-Hartnell continues to discharge the duties of Medical Superintendent with the assistance of Dr. Romer and Dr. Measures (locum tenens).

4.—The usual Monthly Meetings and 4 Special Meetings of the Committee of Visitors and the bi-monthly Meetings of the House Committee have been held. The following is a Table of the attendances :—

Name of Member.	Attendances				
	at	Meetings of	at	House	Attendances
	Committee	Committee	Committee	Meetings.	of Visitors.
Rev. H. W. Coventry	13	...
J. W. Willis Bund, Esq.	8	...
R. V. Berkeley, Esq.	7	...
Arthur Carlton, Esq.	0	...
H. E. Dixey, Esq.	11	...
G. W. Grosvenor, Esq.	6	...
W. H. Gabb, Esq.	11	...
G. B. Game, Esq.	4	...
G. Hadley, Esq.	0	...
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G. E. Wilson, Esq.	9	...
T. L. Walker, Esq.	13	...

The Engineering and Agricultural Sub-Committees have also met as occasion required.

5.—A Commissioner of the Board of Control visited the Asylum on the 22nd November, 1917. We append a copy of his Report.

6.—The Accounts of the Asylum up to the 31st March, 1917, have been audited by the Auditor of the Local Government Board; but we understand that the issue of Reports on the Accounts has been suspended during the continuance of the War.

7.—We fixed the rate of maintenance as from the 1st July, 1917, at 14/- per Patient per week. Subsequently we applied to your respective Councils to sanction a further increase of the rate as from 1st April, 1918, to 15/2 per Patient, which sanction has been given. The rate for out-County Patients not under Contract has been increased to 15/9 as from 1st April, 1918. The rate for Private Patients at present in the Asylum to be 16/-, and for future Private Patients 21/-.

8.—We have renewed the Contract with the Birmingham Asylums Committee for maintenance of a number of their Patients at Powick Asylum for 3 years from 1st March, 1918, at an increased charge of 15/9 per head per week. We have also agreed to renew the Contract with Hereford Asylum for 12 months as from 1st June, 1918, at the like charge of 15/9.

9.—We are about to undertake the repair of Asylum Lane, which has become very dilapidated owing to the traffic of heavy motor vehicles delivering coal, &c.

10.—Deputations from the various Boards of Guardians have visited the Asylum from time to time and expressed their satisfaction with the manner in which the Asylum is carried on.

11.—The following Table shows the number of Patients in the Asylum at the last Meeting of the House Committee in each of the following years :—

		Male.		Female.		Total.	
March	1913	...	485	...	579	...	1,064
„	1914	...	479	...	589	...	1,068
„	1915	...	509	...	624	...	1,133
„	1916	...	602	...	725	...	1,327
„	1917	...	575	...	687	...	1,262
„	1918	...	423	...	585	...	1,008

The numbers for 1913 include 23 Patients from Hereford, 81 from Montgomery, 80 from Birmingham.

Those for 1914 and 1915 include 13 from Hereford, 79 from Montgomery, 78 from Birmingham.

Those for 1916 include 13 from Hereford, 76 from Montgomery, 259 from Birmingham, 46 from Northampton.

Those for 1917 include 13 from Hereford, 69 from Montgomery, 249 from Birmingham, 37 from Northampton.

Those for 1918 include 13 from Hereford, 54 from Montgomery, 176 from Birmingham, 22 from Northampton.

12.—We append the following :—

- (i.) Chaplain's Report.
- (ii.) R.C. Chaplain's Report.
- (iii.) Report of Board of Control.
- (iv.) Table showing state of Mortgage Debt.

C. PELHAM LANE,

Chairman.

6th May. 1918.

[SCHEDULE I.].

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

COUNTY AND CITY ASYLUM,
POWICK,
WORCESTER.

April 1st, 1918.

To the Committee of Visitors.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my Third Annual Report as Chaplain. There is little to record beyond the usual duties. The visiting of the Wards is daily carried on, and special attention and time devoted to ministering to the sick and dying. There is I am glad to observe a very cordial welcome given by the Patients at all times, and one trusts that through the visiting much comfort and help is derived.

The Services in Chapel are evidently much appreciated, and there is always a reverent spirit. A very warm debt of gratitude is owing to the Choir for their willing and helpful services ; also to our Choir Master for his painstaking labours.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered to the Patients once a month with an average attendance of 40, and for the Staff twice a month with an average attendance of 25. On several occasions it has been very gratifying to be able to administer the Sacrament privately to members of the Staff, and Patients when they have been prevented through illness from attending the Chapel.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, October 21st, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Neales, Vicar of S. Clement's, Worcester.

During the past year there have been 226 interments in the Cemetery.

The number of books issued from the Library has been 976. The kind gift of a Bi-Unial Lantern by one of your Committee (G. E. Wilson, Esq.) has been most acceptable and found useful.

In conclusion, I take the opportunity of thanking the Superintendent, Officers and Staff generally for all their sympathy and help in my work.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. RIDLER,

CHAPLAIN.

[SCHEDULE II.].

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Visiting Committee of the Powick Asylum.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Report for the past year.

A service consisting of Prayers and Sermon has been held on all the Sundays of the year, with the exception of the 2nd Sunday of each month, on which Mass has been celebrated at 8 o'clock.

Such Patients as are well enough, have been prepared for and received the Sacraments at the times of the greater Feasts.

The sick have been visited, and the last Sacraments administered when there was danger of death.

Each week the Patients have been visited and helped as far as possible.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Superintendent, the Medical Staff and all the other officials of the Asylum for their unfailing courtesy and kindness to myself personally, and for their kindly assistance in the discharge of my duties.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. HAYES,

R. CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN.

[SCHEDULE III.]

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

WORCESTER ASYLUM,

POWICK.

November 23rd, 1917.

During my visit of inspection to this Asylum yesterday I found all the Wards and Dormitories maintained in excellent order, the former well supplied with plants, cages of birds, pictures and other objects of interest, and the bedding in the latter, clean and of good quality. Ward No. 1 on the Female side is temporarily closed, the work of laying down a new pitch-pine floor having just been completed. In order to provide accommodation for the large increase of Patients caused by the reception of cases from Birmingham and Northampton, many additional beds have been required. The overcrowding has been to a large extent minimised by converting into combined day-room and dormitory three of the existing dormitories and one of the day-rooms on the Male side, and two of the dormitories on the Female side, a certain number of beds being made up on the floor at night.

The following changes have occurred since my colleague's visit in May of last year :—

		M.		F.		T.
Admitted...	...	99	...	105	...	204
Discharged	...	30	...	44	...	74
Do.	on recovery	24	...	32	...	56
Died	...	162	...	137	...	299

It will be seen that the total of discharges and deaths has exceeded the gains by admission by 169, and that the mortality, especially of males, has been exceptionally high. The average number daily resident during this period is 1,263, or 568 Males, 695 Females, so that the death-rate amounts to 23.7 per cent., or Males 28.5 per cent., Females 19.7 per cent.

The numbers now on the statutory books are 506 Males and 653 Females, or 1,159 in all. Of them 33 are Private

patients, including 5 "Service" Patients, and 3 "Criminal." The out-County Patients number 325, who are thus distributed :—

Chargeable to—		M.	F.	T.
Birmingham Asylums Committee	...	39	39	78
Montgomery ditto	...	30	34	64
Hereford Asylum	...	13	—	13
Rubery Hill	...	66	73	139
Berry Wood	...	12	18	30
Yeovil	...	1	—	1

The maintenance charge per head per week is now 14/- for home Patients, and also for out-County Patients, except that for Montgomery cases, which is 14/7. Private Patients are received for 15/- with two exceptions, one paying 12/- and the other 21/-.

Two male and three female Patients are out on trial, so that there are resident to-day, 504 males, and 650 females, all of whom I have seen. Four male children are lodged in Female Ward 12. I gave to every Patient the opportunity of speaking to me, of which several availed themselves. The only complaints I received dealt with the question of detention, and, in a few cases only, on the insufficiency of food. No doubt this latter grievance is mainly due to the restriction of the bread ration, which is adequately made up by potatoes and other substitutes, and the meal I saw served in the Wards yesterday was ample and evidently appreciated. It consisted of corned beef with potatoes and carrots. The Patients were in a satisfactory condition, as regards dress and general appearance, and except in F. 2 Ward, where there was some noisy excitement, their behaviour was quiet and orderly. Forty-eight of the males and 38 of the females were confined to bed, but only a small proportion of these were seriously ill. Two beds are at present occupied night and day on the excellent verandah off F. 12 (Infirmary) Ward. There is no such verandah on the Male side. The large proportion of cases of tubercular disease, as evidenced by the number of deaths from Phthisis, suggests the advisability of utilising this provision for open-air treatment to its fullest extent.

The proportion of epileptics to the total number in residence is 12.5 per cent., and of the actively suicidal, 2.2 per cent. The majority of the former are lodged in 4 or 5 Wards on each side, but there is hardly one Ward without a few Patients of this class.

Although the provision of papers and other literature is fairly good, it does not appear to be adequate to the needs of the increased number of Patients. I could not help being struck with this deficiency, especially on the Male side in the combined day-room and dormitories, where most of the inmates were entirely unoccupied.

During the period under review the chief causes of death have been from Heart Disease and Phthisis, the former contributing 32.4 per cent., and the latter 30.1 per cent. of the deaths from all causes. Nine patients, all males, have died from General Paralysis, i.e. little more than 3 per cent., and the deaths attributed to Senile Decay amounted to 9.7 per cent.

There have been two inquests ; one was in the case of a male Patient who died of Senile Decay, and who sustained an accidental fracture of his thigh nearly 9 months before, the Jury finding that this injury did not contribute to his death. The other was a female Patient who committed suicide by strangulation, under circumstances which were fully reported to our Board at the time. The verdict stated that she "had not previously shown any suicidal tendency, and that there was no evidence of neglect on the part of the Staff."

The only Zymotic diseases that have occurred have been solitary sporadic cases of Measles, Enteric and Scarlet Fever, and 17 cases of Dysentery, which also attacked one of the Attendants. There have been no cases of this disorder since July.

The serious non-fatal casualties reported during the last 18 months comprise 13 cases of fracture of bones, 2 of dislocation and 1 of ruptured ligament ; one of the fractures was spontaneous, being due to Cancer. All the other cases were due to falls, either caused accidentally, or by being pushed down by fellow Patients.

Every effort is being made to comply with the food restrictions laid down by the Food Controller. No flour is consumed, except in bread, which is composed of standard flour and potato—the latter in the proportion of 1/14th. From a return made to me I find that the weekly ration of bread served in the Male Centre is 5lbs. 11ozs., in the Male Annexe 4lbs. 13 ozs., and in both Female Centre and Annexe 3lbs. 13ozs. The meat ration for Male Staff is 2lbs. 3ozs., for Female Staff 1lb. 12ozs. For male Patients from 1lb. 12ozs. (Annexe) to 2lbs. 2ozs. (Centre), for female Patients, 1lb. 5ozs. (Annexe) to 1lb. 11ozs. (Centre). The sugar is, for Staff, 8ozs., for Patients, 5½ to 6ozs.

There has been no employment of mechanical restraint, and 44 Patients have been secluded on 135 occasions for a total of 321 hours.

Much difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the employment of an adequate Staff, especially as regards the Nurses. At the time of my visit the proportion of Male Attendants on duty to Patients was 1-13, and of Nurses 1-19.

Dr. Braine-Hartnell has now the assistance of only two Medical colleagues, one of whom is temporarily engaged, and at present there is also a locum tenens for the Assistant Medical Officer, who is absent on a short holiday.

SIDNEY COUPLAND,
COMMISSIONER OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Added by authority of letter from Board of Control dated 30th November, 1917.

I ought not to close this Report without referring to the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Braine-Hartnell have, with the sanction of the Committee, placed their residence at the disposal of the Military Authorities for use as an Auxiliary Hospital. It must be gratifying to them to know the extent to which their patriotic action is appreciated, and provision found for the accommodation of 30 wounded soldiers within their house.

[SCHEDULE IV.]

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE DEBT.

	For the County.	For the City.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The total aggregate originally borrowed amounted to	56,888 17 8	7,111 2 4	64,000 0 0
Borrowed since	77,327 16 4	10,976 14 0	88,304 10 4
Principal paid off	134,216 14 0	18,087 16 4	152,304 10 4
	134,216 14 0	16,792 0 7	151,008 14 7
„ Remaining unpaid	... ... ...	*1,295 15 9	1,295 15 9

*£951 12s. 3d. stands at credit of the Loans Fund towards paying off the above balance of £1,295 15s. 9d.

C. PELHAM LANE,
CHAIRMAN.

THE SIXTH-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer and Superintendent.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Report for the year ending March 31st, 1918. The Statistical Tables are for the year ending December 31st, 1917. The Financial Statement prepared by the Clerk is appended.

The changes that occurred among the Patients were as follows :—

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of Patients in Asylum				
on January 1st, 1917	...	588	711	1,299
Admitted	...	54	63	117
Discharged	...	19	33	52
Died	...	156	121	277
Remaining in Asylum	on			
December 31st, 1917	...	467	620	1,087

These numbers show a decrease of 121 males, 91 females, total 212.

The average number under treatment was 548 males, 674 females, total 1,222.

The total number under treatment was 642 males, 774 females, total 1,416.

ADMISSIONS.—One hundred and seventeen Patients, 54 males and 63 females, were admitted during the year. Of these, 44 males and 56 females were Direct Admissions. Ten males and 7 females were transferred from other Asylums.

DISCHARGES.—Nineteen males and 33 females, total 52, have been discharged during the year.

Fifteen males and 27 females were discharged "recovered," being at the rate of 34.1 per cent. for the males and 48.2 for the females, total 42 per cent. of total "recoveries" on Direct Admissions.

DEATHS.—One hundred and fifty-six males and 121 females, total 277, died during the year, being at the rate of 28.5 per cent. for the males and 18 per cent. for the females, total 22.7 per cent. on the daily average number.

The principal causes were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Phthisis	89
Heart Disease	56	35
Epilepsy	9	7
Senile Decay	13	17
			30

PRIVATE PATIENTS.—On January 1st, 1917, there were 22 in residence, 9 males and 13 females. On December 31st, 1917, there were 29, 18 males and 11 females. The increase of male Patients is due to "Service" Patients.

The Criminal Patients remaining at the end of the year were 2 males and 2 females, an increase of 2.

ACCIDENTS.—The following accidents occurred during the year :—Two of the thigh, one of the leg, one of the collar bone, one of the shoulder blade, two of the arm, one of a rib, and two dislocated shoulders. All caused accidentally or by the violence of other Patients.

ESCAPES.—Four Patients escaped. They were all recaptured in a few hours.

SUICIDE.—One female Patient, who had not evinced any tendency to suicide, hanged herself by means of a roller towel in the lavatory of her Ward. An inquest was held and the Jury returned the following verdict: "That the said A.G. strangled herself with a roller towel in the lavatory of Ward 1 whilst insane, and that she had not previously shewn any suicidal tendency, and that there was no evidence of neglect on the part of the Staff."

HEALTH.—There were 19 cases of Colitis, 16 males, including 1 Attendant, and 3 females. Two cases of Scarlet Fever, one in a Nurse, one in a female Patient. Two cases of Erysipelas.

INQUESTS.—Three Inquests were held during the year, one on a male Patient who fractured his thigh in February and died in October. The other in the case of a woman, who was found at the *post mortem* examination to have a fractured rib. In each case a verdict was returned in accordance with the Medical evidence and no blame attributed to the Staff. The third case was on the woman who committed suicide.

STAFF.—In June, Dr. Fenton, Senior Assistant Medical Officer and Deputy Superintendent, left to join the R.A.M.C. The Medical work has been carried on with the assistance of Dr. Romer and “Locums.” Mr. Hadley, Stores Clerk, and the Superintendent’s Clerk have “joined up.” Several of the Nurses and Attendants have been away owing to serious illness. Hearty thanks are due to the Heads of Departments and the Staff generally for the way in which they have faced all the worries and anxieties during a time of stress, which tends to get more strenuous each day.

BOARD OF CONTROL.—On November 22nd, 1917, Dr. S. Coupland, a Commissioner of the Board of Control, visited the Asylum. His Report will be found in Schedule III.

GENERAL MATTERS.—The average cost per head per week for the year ending March 31st, 1918, was 12/10 $\frac{1}{4}$.

On April 1st the charge per head per week was raised to 12/10, and on July 1st to 14/-.

The Agricultural Sub-Committee have authorised the ploughing up of 55 acres of grass land, which has been done.

The following Boards of Guardians have visited the Asylum :—Birmingham, Droitwich, Dudley, Pershore, Worcester.

The balance in favour of the Farm Account for the year was £1,639 3s. 3d.

In conclusion, I beg to thank your Committee for their help, advice and encouragement for which I am most grateful.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. M. P. BRAINE-HARTNELL

May 9th, 1918.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1917,

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AND

BALANCE SHEET.

1917-18.

TABLE A I.

GENERAL TABLE, showing the movement of the Asylum Population during the Year 1917.

	CERTIFIED PATIENTS.					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
On the Asylum Registers, Jan 1st, 1917	588	711	1299			
Total cases admitted during the year	54	63	117			
Total cases under treatment during the year...				642	774	1416
Cases discharged or transferred during the year—						
Recovered ...	15	27	42			
Relieved ...	2	3	5			
Not improved ...	2	3	5			
Not Insane ...	—	—	—			
Died during the year	156	121	277			
Total cases discharged, transferred, and died during the year				175	154	329
On the Asylum Registers, Dec. 31st, 1917	...	...	...	467	620	1087
Average daily number on the Registers during the year ...				548	674	1222
				M.	F.	T.
Certified Persons * under care during the year ...				588	710	1298
" " admitted ...				54	63	117
" " recovered ...				15	27	42

*i.e., separate persons in contradistinction to "cases" which may include the same individual more than once.

TABLE A 2.

GENERAL TABLE Showing the Movement of the Asylum Population during each year since the year 1852, together with the Recovery and Death Rates (excluding Voluntary Boarders).

Year. Aug. 11th, Dec. 31st,	Admissions.						Total Number under Treatment.			Discharged or Transferred.						Died.			Remaining on Registers 31st December.			Average Daily Number on Registers.			Percentage of Total Recoveries on the Total Number of Admissions.			Percentage of Total Recoveries on the Direct Admissions.			Percentage of Recoveries yielded by Direct Admis- sions on the Direct Admis- sions.			Percentage of Deaths on Average Daily Number on Registers.		
	Direct.			Indirect.		Total.				Recovered.			Relieved.																							
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T			
1852	91	101	192	91	101	192	5	2	7	2	3	5	1	2	3	19	12	31	102	109	211	69	83	152	5.5	1.9	3.7	2.9	2.4	2.6						
1853	52	45	97	133	142	275	9	16	25	2	3	5	1	2	3	26	25	51	104	114	218	104	112	216	17.3	35.5	25.7	21.1	11.5	16.0						
1854	41	47	88	143	156	299	8	14	22	5	3	8	...	...	...	24	15	39	107	123	230	110	121	231	19.5	29.8	25.0	25.0	22.3	23.6			
1855	53	48	101	157	162	319	19	19	38	7	5	12	3	10	19	29	157	161	318	124	149	273	35.8	39.6	37.6	21.8	12.4	16.9					
1856	41	39	80	148	162	310	12	14	26	1	2	3	2	17	13	30	116	135	251	114	130	244	29.3	35.9	32.5	14.9	10.0	12.3					
1857	74	56	130	190	191	381	18	11	29	2	3	3	3	10	19	29	157	161	318	124	149	273	24.3	19.6	22.3	8.0	12.7	10.6					
1858	40	52	92	197	213	410	12	19	31	4	2	6	1	1	1	15	13	28	165	179	344	159	171	330	30.0	36.5	33.7	9.4	7.6	8.5						
1859	56	64	120	221	243	464	17	26	43	5	4	9	1	1	2	22	18	40	176	194	370	177	185	362	30.3	40.6	35.8	12.4	9.7	11.0						
1860	61	71	132	237	265	502	18	20	38	13	7	20	20	20	20	27	23	50	159	215	374	168	206	374	29.5	28.2	28.8	16.0	11.1	13.3						
1861	62	68	130	221	283	504	16	26	42	4	7	11	2	2	2	27	14	41	172	236	408	165	224	389	25.8	38.2	32.3	16.3	6.2	10.5						
1862	64	54	118	236	290	52	22	24	46	3	4	7	3	3	3	24	21	45	184	241	425	181	236	417	34.3	44.4	39.0	13.2	8.9	10.8						
1863	62	97	159	246	338	584	23	31	54	7	4	11	4	4	4	28	26	54	184	277	461	187	248	435	37.1	32.0	34.0	14.9	10.4	12.4						
1864	67	103	170	251	380	631	26	22	48	5	3	8	1	1	2	34	36	70	185	318	503	187	312	499	38.8	21.3	28.2	13.2	6.6	9.1						
1865	72	68	140	257	386	643	15	34	49	2	1	3	3	1	4	26	21	47	211	329	540	196	316	512	20.8	50.0	35.0	13.5	6.8	9.5						
1866	76	79	155	287	408	695	18	28	46	1	13	14	...	12	12	30	23	53	238	332	570	221	337	558	23.7	35.4	29.6	14.8	8.1	10.9						
1867	79	80	159	317	412	729	25	25	50	9	7	16	3	1	4	36	28	64	244	351	595	242	345	587	31.6	31.2	31.4	17.3	7.6	11.7						
1868	87	69	156	331	420	751	21	28	49	2	5	7	3	6	9	44	27	71	261	354	615	254	349	603	24.1	40.6	31.4	14.5	7.8	10.7						
1869	82	74	156	343	428	771	20	30	50	1	5	6	4	4	4	39	28	67	279	365	644	268	359	627	24.4	40.5	32.0	17.0	8.7	12.3						
1870	62	112	174	341	477	818	23	33	56	3	15	18	3	18	21	47	32	79	265	379	644	275	366	641	37.1	29.4	32.2	13.7	12.1	12.8						
1871	107	68	175	372	447	819	30	49	79	11	13	24	2	8	10	39	42	81	290	335	625	283	347	630	28.0	72.0	45.1	11.8	7.4	9.4						
1872	79	95	174	369	430	799	31	36	67	4	2	6	3	2	5	35	26	61	296	364	660	296	349	645	39.2	37.9	38.5	10.7	6.3	8.3						
1873	85	72	157	381	436	817	24	28	52	2	5	7	8	24	32	34	23	57	313	356	669	318	365	683	28.2	38.8	33.1	10.2	5.7	7.9						
1874	106	74	180	419	430	849	25	27	52	6	5	11	2	2	34	21	55	352	377	729	331	366	697	23.6	36.5	28.9	12.4	7.6	9.9							
1875	78	82	160	430	459	889	23	31	54	1	7	8	14	...	14	43	29	72	349	392	741	347	381	728	29.5	37.8	33.8	12.4	5.7	11.8						
1876	90	85	175	439	477	916	27	39	66	14	4	18	...																							

TABLE A 3.

Showing the Admissions and Recoveries of Persons* from 11th August, 1852, to the present date, 31st December, 1917.
(65·39 years).

HISTORY OF RECOVERIES OF PERSONS.			The same only omitting all Persons transferred from other Asylums, &c. ¶			
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Persons admitted during the 65·39 years	4969	4930	9899	...	...	...
Of whom were discharged recovered during the same period, being 30·6 per cent. of Persons admitted	1325	1708	3033	...	...	...
Of whom were re-admitted relapsed †	333	462	795	...	...	...
Leaving recovered Persons who have not relapsed.....	992	1246	2238	...	...	...
Relapsed Persons discharged recovered ‡	141	180	321	..	..	..
Net || recovered Persons being 25·8 per cent. of persons admitted.....	1133	1426	2559	...	...	...

* Persons, *i.e.*, separate persons in contradistinction to *Cases* which may include the same individual more than once.

Re-admission applies only to re-admission into this Asylum.

† *i.e.*, Persons who have relapsed one or more times.

‡ *i.e.*, After last re-admission, if relapsed more than once.

|| *i.e.*, Recovered persons sane at the present time so far as the Asylum statistics show.

¶ This information is not given owing to the impossibility of supplying it with accuracy.

TABLE C I.

*An Analysis of the Discharges and Transfers during the year 1917.
(Voluntary Boarders excluded).*

DISCHARGED AS RECOVERED.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
From Direct Admissions—									
First-Attack Cases	12	22	34						
Not First-Attack Cases	1	4	5						
Cases unknown whether First-Attack or not	1	...	1						
Total from Direct Admissions				14	26	40			
From Transfers—									
First-Attack Cases		1	1						
Not First-Attack Cases	1	...	1						
Cases unknown whether First-Attack or not									
Total from Transfers				1	1	2			
Total Discharged as Recovered				15	27	42			
DISCHARGED (NOT RECOVERED) AS—				Relieved.			Not Improved.		
Relieved	1	3	4	1	3	4			
Not Improved		1	1				...	1	1
Total	1	4	5						
Reasons for such Discharge—									
To go to care of friends		3	3						
" Workhouse		1	1						
" Metropolitan Asylum (Eng.)									
" Military Hospital	1	...	1						
To be boarded out									
Statutory, by irregularity in Reception Order									
Statutory, by lapsing of Reception Order									
Escape									
Total	1	4	5						
TRANSFERRED AS—									
Relieved	1	...	1	1	...	1			
Not Improved	2	2	4				2	2	4
Total	3	2	5						
Destinations of such Transfers—									
To other Asylums, Registered Hospitals, and Licensed Houses ...	3	2	5						
To "Single Care"									
Other Destination (specifying such)									
Total	3	2	5						
TOTAL DISCHARGED AND TRANSFERRED AS—									
Relieved				2	3	5			
Not Improved							2	3	5

TABLE DI.

Table showing the Primary Causes of Death in the cases of all the Patients who died during the year 1917.

Causes of Death.	NUMBER OF DEATHS.									
	Ages.									Total.
	Under 30		30-60		60 and upwards.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	T.	
Influenza ... ... ... ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	9	10	29	25	8	8	46	43	89	
Other Tuberculous Disease	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	
Cancer, Malignant Disease	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	2	3	
Cerebral Haemorrhage (Apoplexy)	...	...	1	1	1	...	2	1	3	
General Paralysis of the Insane	...	...	11	...	...	...	11	...	11	
Epilepsy	2	...	7	6	...	1	9	7	16	
Organic Heart Disease	3	1	21	13	32	21	56	35	91	
Bronchitis	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	2	3	1	2	3	5	8	
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	...	...	8	1	3	2	11	3	14	
Senility ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	13	17	13	17	30	
All other diseases	1	...	1	5	...	...	2	5	7	
Violent Deaths (including Suicide)	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	
TOTAL	16	11	81	56	59	54	156	121	277	

Statement of Receipts and Payments during RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		...	...	...	838	16	5
Balance in hand at the commencement of the year	...				838	16	5
Goods sold namely :—		£	s.	d.			
Farm and Garden Sales	...	1,938	9	4			
Kitchen Stuff and Old Stores...		169	3	5			
Sundries	...	61	16	2			
					2,169	8	11
Sums received on Account of the Maintenance of—							
(a) Pauper Patients :—		£	s.	d.			
From Guardians of	Unions & Parishes within Contributory Counties and Boroughs, at 11s 8d., 12s 10d. & 14s. per head per week	28,655	5	4			
	Other Unions and Parishes, at 14s. per head per week	12	12	0			
From Treasurers of Counties and Boroughs for Patients adjudged chargeable thereto, namely :—	Of Contributory Counties and Boroughs, at 11s. 8d., 12s. 10d. & 14s. per head per week	91	16	6			
	Of Non - contributory Counties and Boroughs, at s. d. per head per week	...	...	...
From Treasurers of Contributory Counties and Boroughs under Section 269 (9) of the Lunacy Act, 1890, in respect of accommodation at other Asylums, not exceeding one-fourth of the entire weekly charge	...	...	...	...
From Treasurers of Non-contributory Boroughs and of Counties in respect of Non-contributory Boroughs for excess of weekly charge above ordinary rate (30 and 31 Vic. c. 106, s. 23.)	...	...	...	...
From Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients received under contract or arrangement, at 11s. 8d., 12s. 10d., 14s. 0d. and 14s. 7d. per head per week	...	12,228	9	11			
					40,988	3	9
(b) Private Patients	...	...	...	...	810	2	9
(c) Criminal Patients :—							
From Parliamentary Vote	...	103	16	6			
" Private Funds of Patients, or their Friends	...	...	...	...
(d) Service Patients	...	...	...	...	103	16	6
					110	4	7
Funeral and Removal Expenses :—							
From Guardians of Unions	...	143	6	6			
" Treasurers of Counties and Boroughs	...	1	11	6			
" Treasurers other Asylums	...	147	3	0			
" Prison Commissioners	...	...	...	...
Other Receipts, specifying them :—					292	1	0
Fines	...	15	5	5			
Funeral Expenses paid by friends	...	27	12	6			
Wages refunded in lieu of notice	...	...	...	...
Accident Compensation...	...	21	3	10			
Allotment Rents...	...	3	3	0			
Interest on Deposit Account	...	12	0	0			
Rent of Farm Cottages and Land	...	19	16	0			
Rebate re Aircraft Insurance	...	0	1	9			
Bags, returned empty	...	13	5	0			
		112	7	6			
Total Receipts...	...	...	...	...	44,586	5	0
Total of Receipts and Balances	...	...	...	...	45,425	1	5

ACCOUNT.

the year ending 31st March, 1918.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages (not including Payments for Labour appearing in the Farming and Gardening Account, nor comprised in the Building and Repairs Fund Account), namely :—									
Officers—Gross ... 3,703 8 0									
Contributions 96 0 2									
	3,607	7	10						
Attendants and									
others—Gross ... 8,138 13 8									
Contributions 267 2 2									
	7,871	11	6						
Provisions (including Malt Liquor in ordinary diet) ...							11,478	19	4
Malt Liquor, Wines and Spirits (not included in ordinary diet) ...							8,025	10	10
Farm and Garden Expenses ...							2	0	0
							10,874	5	0
Clothing :—				£	s.	d.			
For Patients...				2,125	17	10			
For Attendants				453	9	5			
							2,579	7	3
Necessaries (including Fuel, Lighting, and Washing) ...							5,597	1	9
Surgery and Dispensary							420	10	2
Furniture and Bedding							989	1	11
Funeral Expenses							141	19	8
Payments to Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients under contract or arrangement ... ... ...							...	...	...
Transfers to the Building and Repairs Fund Account, namely :—									
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on Out-County Patients... ...				£	s.	d.			
(b) ,, Private ,, ...				1,578	19	10			
(c) ,, Criminal ,, ...				285	0	7			
				23	2	0			
							1,892	2	5
Other Payments, specifying them :—									
Advertising, Printing, Postages, etc.				199	6	2			
Amusements				47	8	5			
Carriage of Goods, etc.				13	1	1			
Books and Periodicals				55	16	5			
Rates and Taxes				1,252	3	11			
Pensions				268	10	1			
Sundries				144	6	3			
							1,980	12	4
Total Payments									
Balance in hand at the end of year, viz. :—									
Treasurer							1,045	4	0
Treasurer (on deposit)							300	0	0
Clerk of Asylum							98	6	9
Total of Payments and Balances ...									
							45,425	1	5

Statement of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at the commencement of the year—						
Treasurer	1,191	6	4			
Clerk of Asylum	36	12	8			
							1,227	19	0
Sums received from the Contributory County and Borough, viz. :—									
County Council						
City Council						
Other Receipts :—									
Cottage Rents	114	0	0			
Rebate re Aircraft Insurance	...			1	9	3			
							115	9	3
Transfers from the Maintenance Account, viz.:—									
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on Out-County Patients...				1,578	19	10			
(b) " Private " ...				285	0	7			
(c) " Criminal " ...				28	2	0			
							1,892	2	5
Total Receipts						
Total of Receipts and Balances						
							3,235	10	

REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.

uring the year ending 31st March, 1918.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sums paid on Account of—									
ORDINARY REPAIRS :—									
Iron and Castings	44	3	4						
Ironmongery	50	7	6						
Cocks, Valves, etc....	17	2	1						
Electric Bell & Telephone Fittings	10	17	9						
Paints and Oils	86	15	8						
Tools and Brushes...	9	15	10						
Road Stone	34	13	0						
Building Materials...	3	16	5						
Bricks and Tiles	21	10	6						
Wallpaper	3	11	0						
Glass and Lead	12	9	1						
Timber and Floor Boards	192	14	2						
Gas Works Cement	0	15	6						
Carriage of Goods	0	9	9						
Cheque Book	0	15	0						
Wages, Artizans'—									
Gross ... 491 15 0									
Contributions... 13 17 5	477	17	7				967	14	2
ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS :—							...	...	...
OTHER PAYMENTS :—									
Pensions	475	10	8						
Fire and Aircraft Insurance	134	11	5						
Taxes	100	15	7				710	17	8
Total Payments ... ... ...	...	...	...				...	...	...
Balance in hand at the end of the year—									
Treasurer	1,518	6	8						
Clerk of Asylum	38	12	2						
							1,556	18	10
Total of Payments and Balances	...	...	...			
							3,235	10	8

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sums received from Sales :—						
286 gallons New Milk 1s. 4d.	19	1	5			
18½ pints Cream	0	18	3			
117½ lbs. Butter	12	2	6			
136½ doz. Eggs	17	19	10			
15 Fowls	2	3	7			
24 Calves	86	5	11			
104 Lambs	278	14	7			
3 Horses.....	354	0	0			
1,143 bushels Wheat	589	2	0			
532 lbs. Wool	43	9	8			
Hides, Skins and Fat	459	1	1			
Vegetables	44	0	1			
56 cwt. Cider Fruit..... 4s. 0d.	11	4	0			
Bull and Boar Service.....	8	11	0			
Corn Cutting and Sundries	11	15	5			
				1,938	9	4
Value of Goods supplied to Asylum :—						
1,522½ gallons New Milk 1s. 4d.	101	10	0			
2,910 " Seconds Milk 8d.	97	0	0			
13,633 " Separated Milk..... 4d.	227	4	4			
129½ pints Cream	6	14	8			
*4,740 lbs. Butter	517	10	7			
*269 Fowls	54	3	4			
*555½ doz. Eggs	69	14	3			
*92,178 lbs. Beef	5,407	6	8			
*10,439 lbs. Mutton	699	6	4			
*12,447 lbs. Pork	738	16	10			
*8,303 lbs Bacon (green).....	498	13	4			
*19 Rabbits.....	1	11	5			
1,900 gallons Cider 6d.	47	10	0			
† Vegetables and Fruit.....	1,789	13	4			
				10,256	15	1
Other Receipts :—						
Rent of Farm Cottages and Land ...	19	16	0			
Rebate re Aircraft Insurance ...	0	1	9			
Bags, returned empty	13	5	0			
				33	2	9
Hauling for Asylum				106	5	0
Value of Stock at end of year				6,228	7	1
				18,562	19	3

* These items are charged at the current wholesale Birmingham market prices.

† These are charged at the current wholesale Evesham market prices.

‡ No charge is made for Patients' labour, or for that of the Ward Attendants supervising it.

ACCOUNT.

During the Year ending 31st March, 1918.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Value of Stock at commencement of year							5,929	11	0
Sums paid during the year in respect of:—									
Labour: —									
Gross Salaries and Wages	1,367	5	1						
Contributions	38	10	8						
				1,328	14	5			
Provender: —									
Bran and Sharps	995	19	7						
Cake, Linseed, Cottonseed & Feed- ing	1,257	5	5						
Calf Meal	22	10	0						
Grains	5	5	3						
Poultry Food	24	0	0						
Indian Meal	109	0	0						
Maize	124	10	0						
				2,538	10	3			
Seeds and Manures: —									
Seeds	373	4	6						
Manures	260	18	8						
				634	3	2			
Stock, Live and Dead (bought):—									
Cattle	3,972	15	0						
Horses	242	0	0						
Ram	15	15	0						
Sheep	366	0	0						
Pig	8	18	6						
Poultry	1	4	0						
Separator	25	3	1						
Implements and Repairs	230	9	5						
Harness and Repairs	97	13	0						
				4,959	18	0			
Rates and Taxes: —									
Poor and District	138	9	8						
Imperial	111	2	6						
Tithes	84	0	2						
Licences	2	0	0						
Nat. Health Insurance Stamps ...	4	1	1						
				339	13	5			
Rent				671	7	6			
Sundries: —									
Blacksmith	58	15	9						
Fire, Boiler and Aircraft Insurance	16	11	2						
Veterinary Surgeon and Medicine	57	0	8						
Coal	72	2	1						
Steam Cultivating	82	2	3						
Horse Fees	26	10	0						
Carriage of Goods	35	4	8						
Miscellaneous	53	11	8						
				401	18	3			
							10,874	5	0
Estimated Rent of Freehold							90	0	0
Estimated Value of Wash from Asylum							30	0	0
Balance in favour of Farm and Garden...							1,639	3	3
							18,562	19	3

ACREAGE OF LAND.

	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Freehold	85	1	24			
Of which Sites of Buildings, Airing Courts, etc.....	16	0	25			
				69	0	39
Rented	475	3	36			
Of which Sub-let	0	3	4			
				475	0	32
Net acreage under cultivation by Asylum	544	1	31			

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.						
Private Patients (Unexpended Maintenance)...					63	0 6
Amounts due to—						
Tradesmen for Goods supplied...	4,125	1	7			
Salaries and Wages	1,104	2	1			
Building and Repairs Fund Account, Excess Charge	83	0	3			
Pensions	26	15	0			
	5,338	18	11			
War Wages Suspense Account	300	0	0			
Balance in favour of Maintenance Account ...	16,628	7	4			
	22,330	6	9			
BUILDING AND REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.						
Amounts due to—						
Tradesmen for Goods supplied...	78	6	6			
Pensions	103	18	6			
Balance in favour of Building and Repairs Fund Account	182	5	0			
	1,467	4	1			
	23,979	15	10			

H. LEICESTER,
AUDITOR,
1ST MAY, 1918.

31ST MARCH, 1918.

ASSETS.									
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hands of Treasurer	...	...	...	1,045	4	0			
Treasurer (on Deposit)	...			300	0	0			
Clerk of Asylum	...	...		98	6	9			
							1,443	10	9
Amounts due for Goods sold, Farm Rents, etc.							119	7	7
Income due from—									
Worcestershire Unions	...	...	...	6,551	6	6			
Out-County Unions	...	...	...	0	10	0			
County of Worcester	...	...	...	13	19	6			
Treasurers of other Asylums	...	...	...	2,562	14	9			
Prison Commissioners	...	...	...	33	15	0			
Ministry of Pensions	...	...	...	130	8	11			
							9,292	14	8
Value of Stock in hand	...	...	...				11,474	13	9
							22,330	6	9
BUILDING AND REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.									
Cash in hands of Treasurer	...	...	...	1,518	6	8			
Clerk of Asylum	...	...		38	12	2			
							1,556	18	10
Amounts due from—									
Cottage Tenants	...	...	...	9	10	0			
Maintenance Account, Excess Charge	...			83	0	3			
							92	10	3
							23,979	15	10

WALTER J. LONGDEN,
CLERK OF ASYLUM.

*Statement showing the Average Weekly Cost per Patient on the
Net Expenditure during the year ending 31st March, 1918.*

ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE.								Average.	
								s	d.
Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Clothing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		7 $\frac{7}{8}$
Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9 $\frac{3}{8}$
Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1 $\frac{1}{8}$
Necessaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Surgery and Dispensary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1 $\frac{5}{8}$
Wines and Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		$\frac{1}{8}$
Furniture and Bedding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		3 $\frac{7}{8}$
Farm and Garden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5 $\frac{1}{8}$
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		6 $\frac{3}{4}$
								13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Less received for Goods and Produce Sold							...		8 $\frac{7}{8}$
Average Weekly Cost per head							...	12	10 $\frac{1}{4}$

*Prices for the principal Articles of Consumption for the
year ending 31st March, 1918.*

ARTICLES.	Midsummer Quarter, 1917.		Michaelmas Quarter, 1917.		Christmas Quarter, 1917.		Lady-day Quarter, 1918.		Average for the year 1917-18.
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Bath Bricks, per hundred.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	9	6 9
Black Lead, per gross .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	0	19 0
Blacking, per gross .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	4 6
Blue, per lb. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	9
Cheese, per cwt.....	170	0	130	8	130	8	130	8	...
Chicory, „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cocoa	151	0	157	0	...	...	249	9	...
Coal (Hard Cobbles), per ton ...	28	6	28	6	30	0	33	0	30 0
„ (Gas), per ton	33	9	33	9	36	4	36	4	35 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
„ (Engine Nuts), per ton ...	23	10	23	10	26	4	26	4	25 1
Coffee, Roasted, per cwt.	142	6	142	6	165	8	165	8	154 1
Dried Fruit, per cwt.....	65	0	122	0	...	...	...	...	...
Flour, per 224 lbs.	49	0	49	6	36	0	36	2	42 8
Margarine, per cwt.	93	6	97	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	102	8	98	0	98 0
Matches, per gross.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	6 6
Mustard, per lb.....	1	0	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	1	1	1 0
Oatmeal, per cwt.	42	6	41	6	38	0	38	0	40 0
Old Radnor Lime, per ton	20	6	20	6	20	6	21	6	20 9
Pepper, per lb.	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	3	1	3	1	9	1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rice, per cwt.....	28	3	28	5	...	...	...	...	...
Salt, per ton .....	...	53	6	...	...	...	61	0	57 3
*Snuff, per lb.	7	0	8	5	8	4	8	5	...
Soap (Soft), per cwt. ....	...	43	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Soda, per cwt.....	5	0	5	3	...	...	6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	...
Starch (Common), per cwt. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	0	52 0
„ (Glenfield), per cwt.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sugar (Raw), per cwt. ....	...	...	...	...	47	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	46	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	...
„ (Granulated), per cwt.	53	8	53	8	46	9	49	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 0
Tea, per lb.....	2	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Tobacco, per lb.	5	9	7	5	7	1	7	4	...
Vinegar, per gallon	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	2	2	2	2	1 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Yeast, per 7 lbs.....	5	6	7	0	7	0	7	0	6 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

*Plus increased duty of 2/5 per lb. on Tobacco from May.

„ „ 2/3 „ Snuff „

*Principal Items of Provisions Account issued during the Year
ending 31st March, 1918.*

Meat, Fresh	...	...	...	...	...	116,582 lbs.
,, Preserved	...	...	...	...	...	28,571 "
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	10,179 "
,, American	...	...	...	...	...	9,664 "
Beans, Haricot	...	...	...	...	...	6,026 "
Bread	...	...	...	...	...	332,446 "
Butter	...	...	...	...	...	12,956 "
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	5,300 "
Cocoa	...	...	...	...	...	686 "
Coffee	...	...	...	...	...	5,854 "
Eggs	...	...	...	...	...	7,406
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	1,579 lbs.
Flour	...	...	...	...	...	233,458 "
Fruit, Dried	...	...	...	...	...	6,408 "
Jam	...	...	...	...	...	899 "
Lard	...	...	...	...	...	852 "
Milk, Condensed	...	...	...	...	...	190 cases.
Mustard	...	...	...	...	...	657 lbs.
Oatmeal	...	...	...	...	...	3,027 "
Peas, Split...	...	...	...	...	...	9,502 "
Pepper	...	...	...	...	...	469 "
Rice, Sago and Tapioca	...	...	...	...	...	7,236 "
Salt	...	...	...	...	...	111 cwts
Spice, Cake...	...	...	...	...	...	142 lbs.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	28,054 "
Tea	...	...	...	...	...	3,038 "
Vinegar	...	...	...	...	...	196 gals
Yeast	...	...	...	...	...	1,449 lbs.

*Principal Items of Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account issued
during the Year ending 31st March, 1918.*

Bath Bricks	...	...	...	...	...	677
Blacking	...	...	...	...	...	2,413 cakes.
Blacklead	...	...	...	...	...	1,957 tins
Blue...	...	...	...	...	...	319 lbs.
Candles	...	...	...	...	...	153 "
Flannel, House	...	...	...	...	...	6,075 yds.
Matches	...	...	...	...	...	2,744 boxes
Paper, Sanitary	...	...	...	...	...	1,626 packets.
Polish, Metal	...	...	...	...	...	819 tins.
Soap, Powder	...	...	...	...	...	22,876 lbs.
,, Hard	...	...	...	...	...	11,658 "
,, Disinfecting	...	...	...	...	...	2,481 "
,, Brookes'	...	...	...	...	...	51 "
,, Soft ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,324 "
,, Windsor	...	...	...	...	...	815 tablets.
Soda	...	...	...	...	...	14,1 3 lbs.
Starch	...	...	...	...	...	328 "
Snuff	...	...	...	...	...	19 "
Tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	924 "
Tapers	...	...	...	...	...	62 "
Turpentine Substitute	...	...	...	...	...	709 gals.
Wax...	...	...	...	...	...	925 lbs.
Coal, House	...	...	...	...	...	562 tons.
,, Gas ...	...	...	...	...	...	633 "
,, Steam	...	...	...	...	...	2,117 "